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Episcopal Admonition

BY THE

Right Reverend Father in God,

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Late Lord Bishop of

EXETER,

Sent in a LETTER to the House of Commons, April 28. 1628.

Gentlemen,

FOR God's Sake be wise in your well meant Zeal : Why do you argue away pretious Time that can never be revoked or repaired ? *Wo is me, while we dispute our Friends perish, and we must follow them ;* Where are we, if we break (and I tremble to think) we cannot but break if we hold so stiff. Our Liberties and Proprieties are sufficiently declared to be sure and legal ; our Remedies are clear and irrefragable : What do we fear ? Every Subject sees the way now chalked out for future Justice, and who dares henceforth tread besides it ? Certainly, while Parliaments live, we need not misdoubt the Violations of our Freedoms and Rights : May we be but where the Law found us, we shall sufficiently enjoy our selves and ours ; It is no season to search for more : *Oh let us not whilst we over-rigidly plead for an higher strain of Safety, put our selves into a necessity of Ruine and utter despair of Redress.* Let us not in the suspitions of Evils that may be, cast our selves into a present Confusion. If you love your selves and your Country, remit something of your own Terms ; and since the substance is yielded by your Noble Patriots, stand not too vigorously upon points of Circumstance. *Fear not to trust a good King, who after the strict Laws made, must be trusted with the Execution.* Think that your Country, nay, and Christendome, lies on the mercy of your present Resolutions. *Relent, or farewell Welfare.*

*From him whose faithful Heart
bleeds in a vowed Sacrifice for
his King and Country,*

EXETER.

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